

## House Resolution 490

By: Representatives Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Jamieson of the 28<sup>th</sup>, Jenkins of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Janice A. Riley on the occasion of her fortieth year of service  
2 in community action; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Janice Riley, a Cherokee County native, earned a Bachelor of Science degree  
4 in Business Administration from the University of Dubuque and took graduate courses in  
5 early childhood education at Georgia State University; and

6 WHEREAS, her professional career in community action spans forty years, beginning in  
7 Cherokee County as a Head Start teacher and coordinator, advancing to positions such as  
8 social services coordinator, assistant Head Start director, and director of community service  
9 programs, and culminating in her selection as executive director of Ninth District  
10 Opportunity, Inc.; and

11 WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in regional, state, and national organizations such as  
12 Housing Opportunity, Inc., the Georgia Community Action Agency Association, the National  
13 Association of Community Action Agencies, and served as president of the Southeastern  
14 Association of Community Action; and

15 WHEREAS, she has earned significant awards and honors such as Head Start Association  
16 Manager of the Year award, the Early Jones Award from Georgia Community Action  
17 Association, Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, Leadership Cherokee, the  
18 Outstanding Georgia Citizen award, and the USDA Rural Partnership award; and

19 WHEREAS, she has served community action constituencies in various capacities including  
20 the Dawson and Hall County Family Connection Board, the Council on Adult Literacy, the  
21 Peach on Wheels Transportation Committee, Healthy Families in Georgia, the Growth  
22 Strategies Commission, the Governor's Employment and Training Council, the Task Force  
23 on Dislocated Workers, and the Certification in Commission and Education Advisory; and

1 WHEREAS, Ninth District Opportunity, Inc., thrived under her capable leadership and was  
2 the first agency in the state recognized for full Head Start compliance, one of the nation's  
3 first agencies to achieve the NHSA Program of Excellence award, the first and only agency  
4 named as a fiscal agent for Family Connection Initiative, the only agency to operate a  
5 Regional Prevention Resource Center, the only agency to model the Pre-K program, and was  
6 honored with the "Magnificent Eagle Award"; and

7 WHEREAS, Ninth District Opportunity, Inc., coordinates federal and state programs and  
8 services in twenty counties of north Georgia, including its "Wheels to Work" program; and

9 WHEREAS, Janice A. Riley is an exceptional leader, role model, and an inspirational  
10 administrator whose career mirrors the mission of community action across the United  
11 States.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
13 the members of this body join to recognize Janice A. Riley for her more than 40 years of  
14 excellence in early childhood education and community action, commend her for her  
15 superior service to the State of Georgia, and extend to her the best of wishes for her future.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Janice A. Riley.